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REDUCTION OF POVERTY
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed under the 12th Five Year Plan towards reduction of poverty along with achievement made so far, State-wise including Assam;

(b) the name of the States which have failed to achieve the target; and

(c) the action taken by the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (c): The Twelfth Five Year Plan (2012-17) envisages the Head-count ratio of consumption poverty to be reduced by 10 percentage points over the preceding estimates by the end of Twelfth Five Year Plan. The Planning Commission estimates poverty from the Large Sample Surveys on Household Consumer Expenditure carried out by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. These surveys are normally conducted on quinquennial basis. The latest data of Large Sample Survey on Household Consumer Expenditure has been collected by NSSO in its 68th round conducted in 2011-12. As the terminal year of the Twelfth Five Year Plan is 2016-17, it is not possible to examine the achievement of States in reduction of poverty during the Twelfth Plan at this juncture.